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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES—1897-'98.

Your Secretaries respectfully submit this, their *fourth annual report*, for the period beginning with the twenty-fourth regular meeting of the Society, Monday evening, March 15, 1897, and ending with and including this, the fourth annual meeting, Monday evening, February 7, 1898.

During the year the Board of Managers has elected to active membership 20 persons. There have been three resignations and four deaths; the latter were—

Lewis Clephane,
G. M. Fague,
Gardiner G. Hubbard,
Richard Smith,

leaving a total membership of 109 persons, of whom one is an honorary and one a life member.

The Society has held seven meetings. Of these the first three were held at the Columbian University and the last four at the Shoreham. During the year the Society and its guests have listened to eight papers and two unwritten addresses, which were discussed by eighteen persons, while seven others have each given three-minute talks on historical subjects. The average attendance has been 71; the largest being at the January meeting, when the audience numbered 140; the smallest 35, at the March meeting. The Board of Managers has held nine meetings; the average attendance has been 11, the largest 12, and the smallest 8.

Resolutions of condolence on the death of the former Vice-President, Gardiner G. Hubbard, were presented by W J McGee, adopted by the Society, spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to his family.

During the year the Society has issued, at different times, four brochures of Volume I, being pages 171 to 242, inclusive, with a title page and index, thus completing Volume I of its Records. Objects of historical interest have been exhibited at its meetings and preliminary steps taken toward securing a permanent home for the Society, its library and records. Courtesies have been extended to and received from kindred associations, and Congress has been memorialized on the subject of National Nomenclature for the Streets of the Nation's Capital.

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Secretaries.